

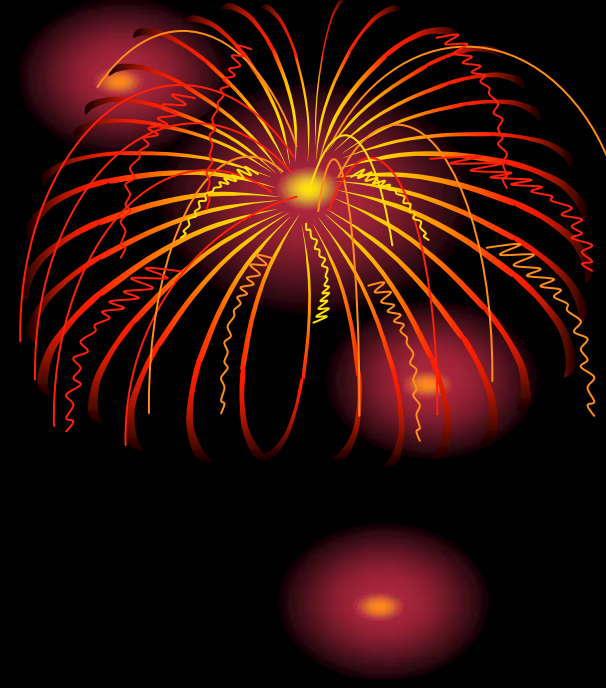
**Agenda for Hopkinsville  
Neighborhood Planning Charrette II**

June 29, 2006 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

<i><b>What ?</b></i>	<i><b>Who?</b></i>
Register	All
Welcome	Steve Bourne Ruth Lynch T. Michael Foster
Introduction	John Hampton
Feedback from Charrette I	Peggy Sullivan
Structural Possibilities	Les Pollock
What Neighborhoods Can Do	John Hampton
Dinner	All
Neighborhood Breakout Groups	All
Present Results	Group Reps
Next Steps	Ruth Lynch T. Michael Foster Steve Bourne

**Objectives of the Charrette:**

1. Provide feedback on data gathered at Charrette I
2. Describe structural and programmatic possibilities
3. Neighborhood citizens consider and respond to the possibilities



What Neighbors Can Do!

# NEIGHBORHOOD?



What is your "Neighborhood?"

- A collection of buildings
- A set of streets
- A group of institutions

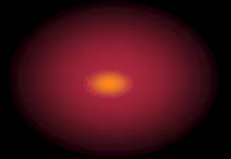
# NEIGHBORHOOD?



- A collection of people,
- Their relationships to others
- Their ties to institutions

# What is a Neighborhood in DECLINE?

- High rates of unemployment
- Residents growing old or moving out
- Limited business and economic development opportunities
- Deteriorated buildings
- Damaged streets
- Social isolation



# What is a Neighborhood in DECLINE?

- Neighbors isolated from each other
- Neighbors isolated from institutions
- Neighbors isolated from government



# What is a Neighborhood REVITALIZED?

- Resident involvement
- Neighborhood Leadership
- Community Involvement



# What is a Neighborhood REVITALIZED?

- Homeownership increasing
- Home improvements
- Vulnerable people benefitting from the process
- Increasing wealth for homeowners

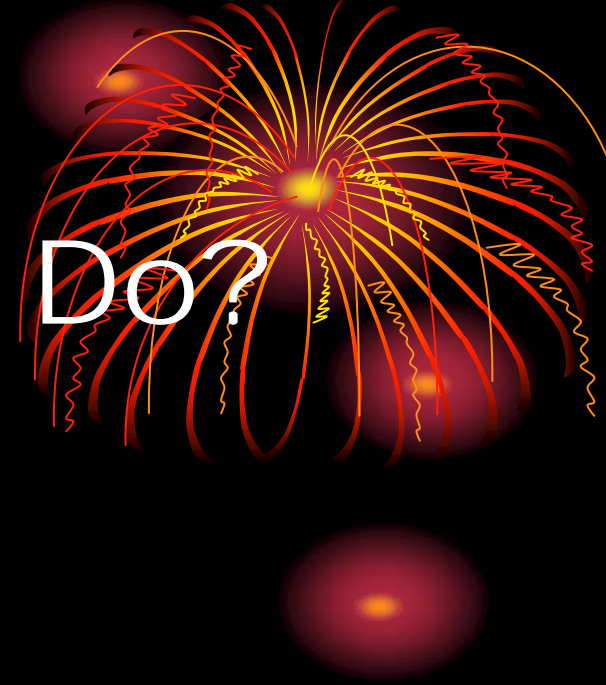


# What is a Neighborhood REVITALIZED?



- City services and infrastructure improving
- Job and business development on the rise
- Channels of communication remaining open
- Isolation ends

# What Can Neighborhoods Do?



- Greater awareness of community issues
- Open channels of communication x 3
- Increased community pride
- Active participation in neighborhood activities

# What Can Neighborhoods Do?



- Get involved
- Stay involved
- Let your voice be heard
- Make your needs and wishes known

## Solutions for Attucks' Top Ranked Issues

	<b>As a group</b>	<b>As individuals</b>
<b>Safety Issues</b>  -Drugs and related criminal activities  -Speeding automobiles on neighborhood streets  -Youth gangs		
<b>Clean Up</b>  -Trash and litter		
<b>Neighbor Revitalization</b>  -Dilapidated houses  -Attucks School deterioration  -Odors from stockyard  -Better street lighting		

## Solutions for Canton/Westside's Top Ranked Issues

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## Solutions for Durrett's Top Ranked Issues

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**WELCOME!!!**

**Hopkinsville, KY  
Neighborhood Planning  
Charrette II**

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<b>Program and Project Possibilities</b>	<b>Dorothy Reiser</b>
<b>What Neighborhoods Can Do?</b>	<b>John Hampton</b>
<b>Brief Overview of Planning Maps</b>	<b>Les Pollock</b>
<b>Dinner</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>Breakout Groups</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>Next Steps</b>	<b>Steve Bourne</b>

# Objectives for Charrette II

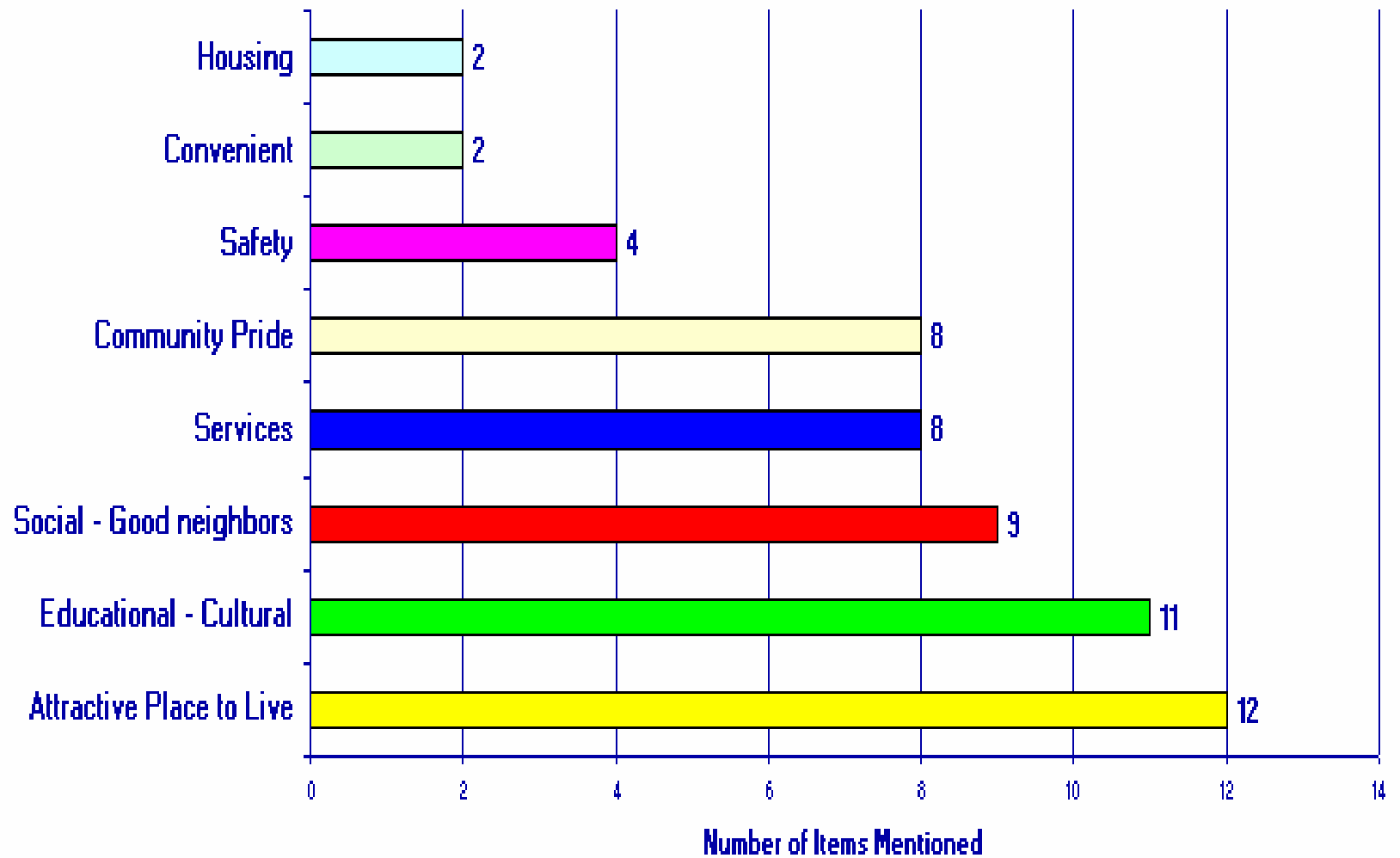
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Results of  
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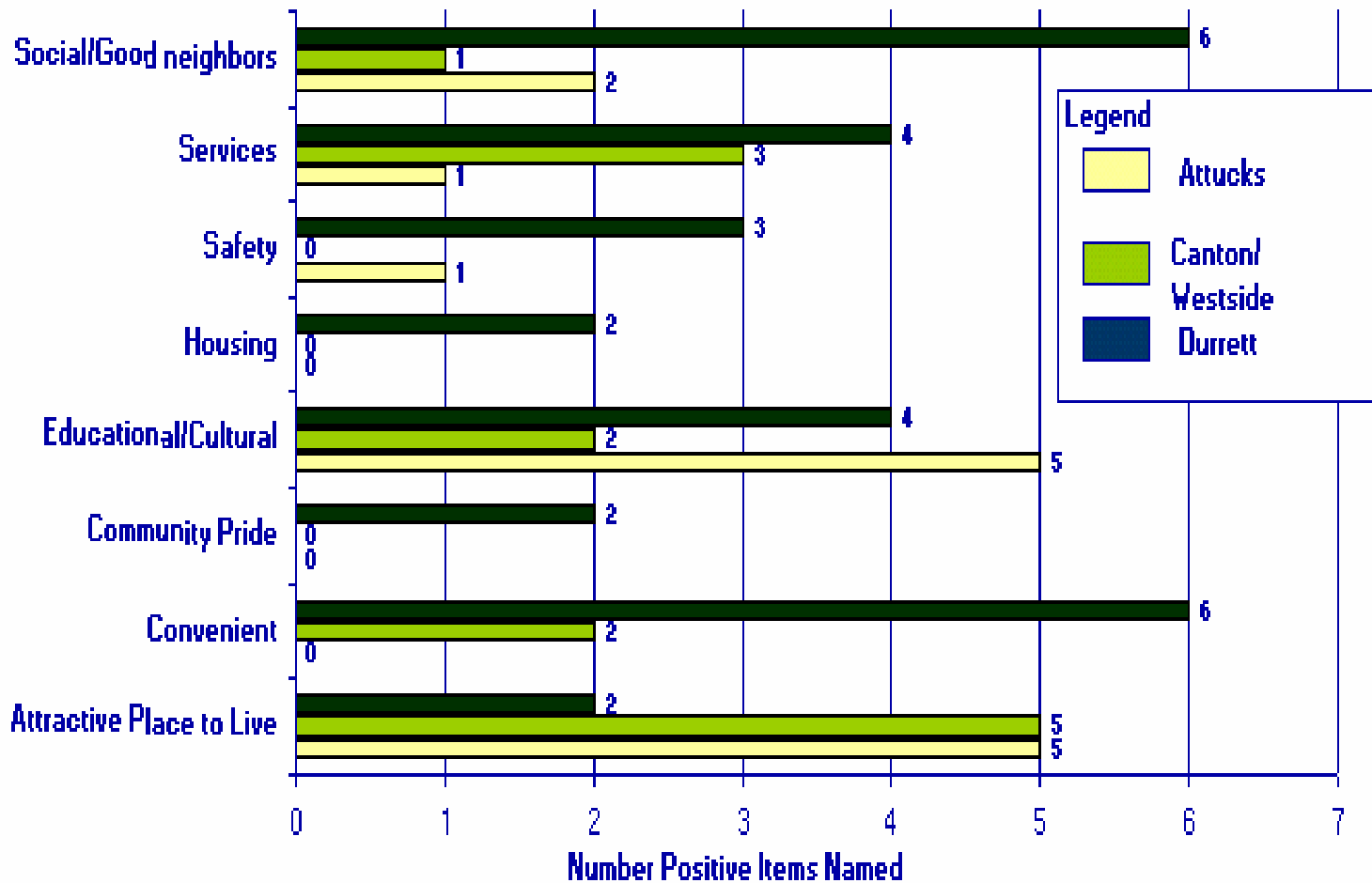


Positive Things  
in Your  
Neighborhoods

## Positive Things About Your Neighborhoods



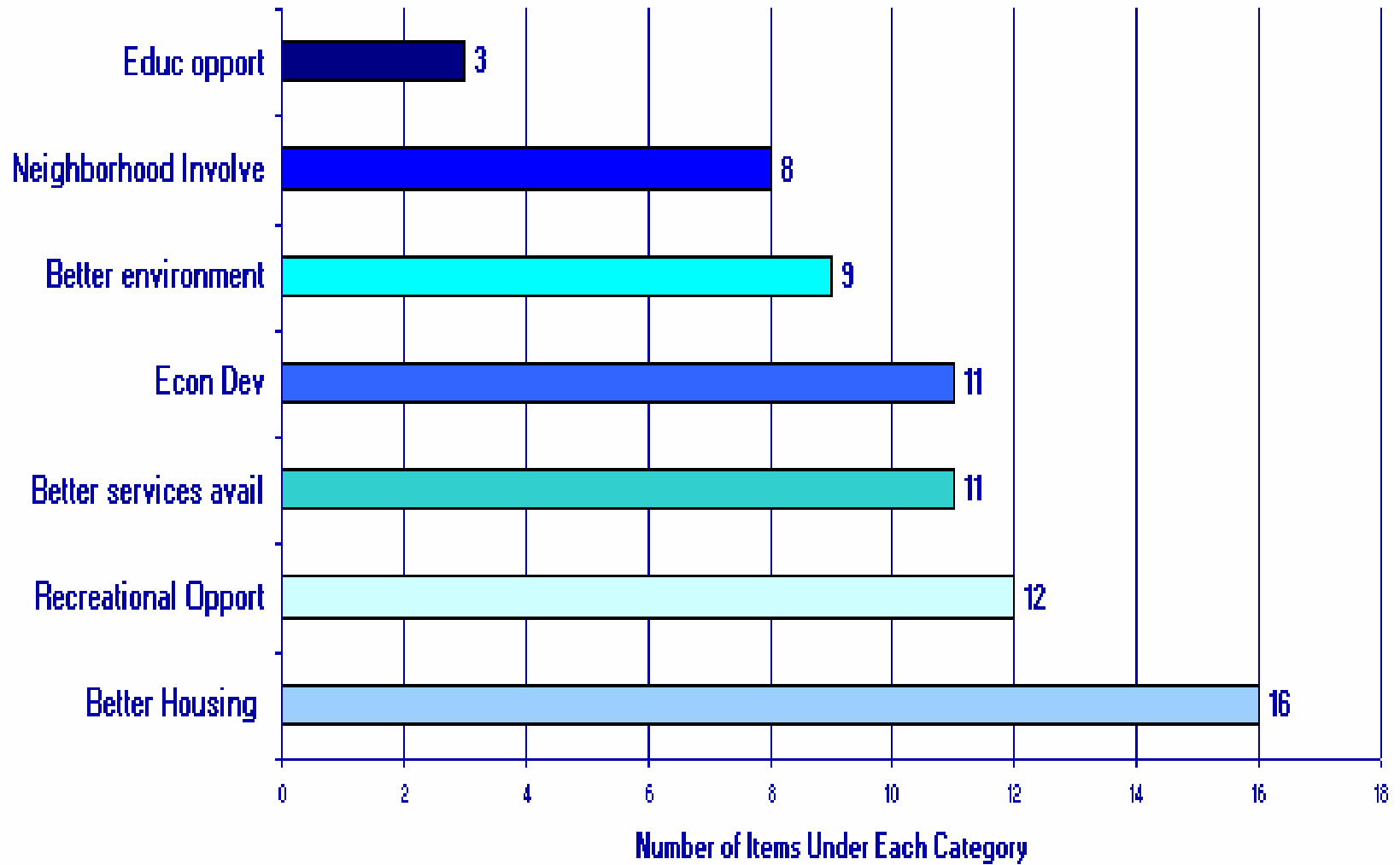
## Positive Aspects of Different Neigoborhoods



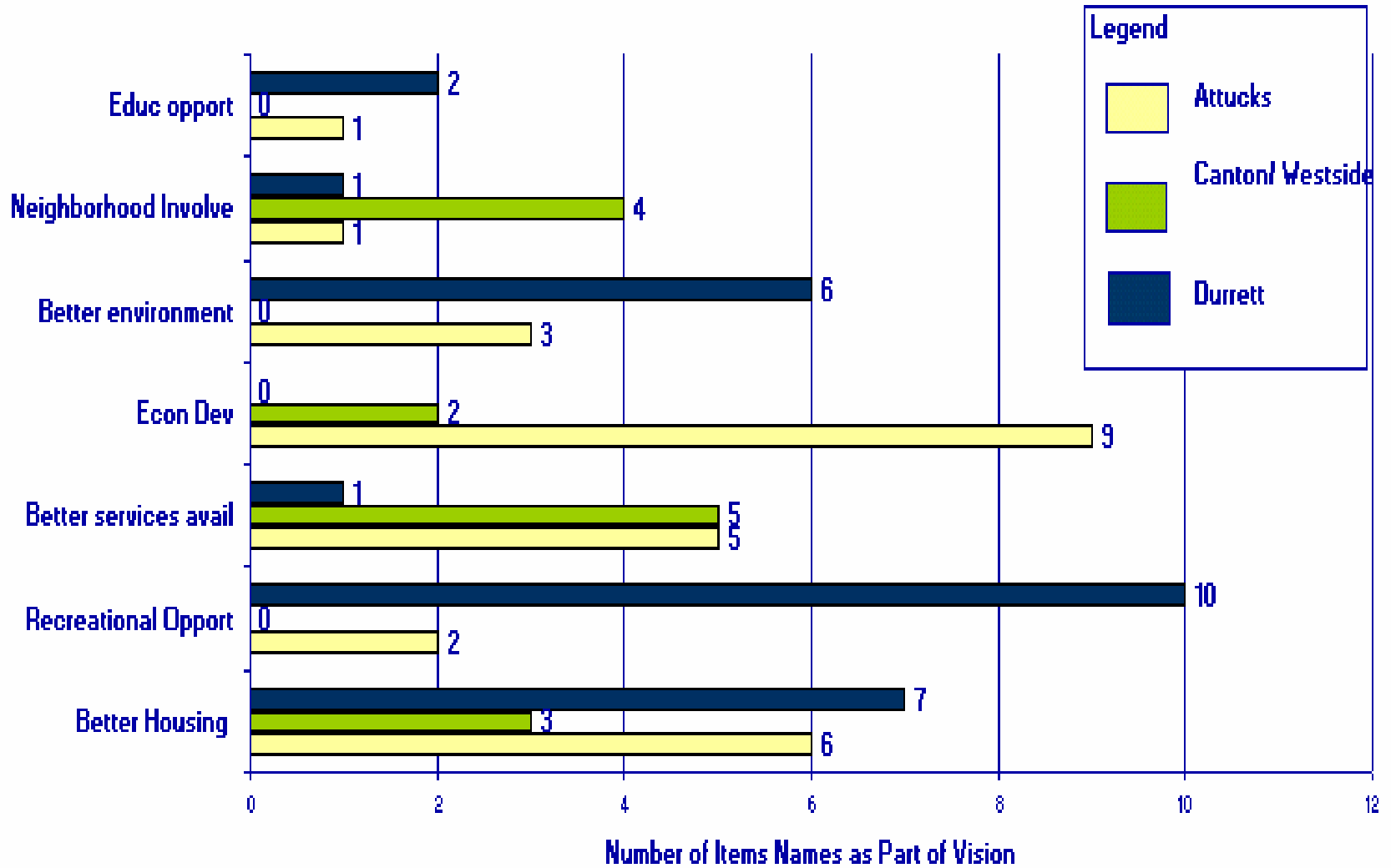
# Neighborhood Visions

What You Want  
Your Neighborhood  
to Be Like in 5 Years?

## Visions for the Neighborhoods

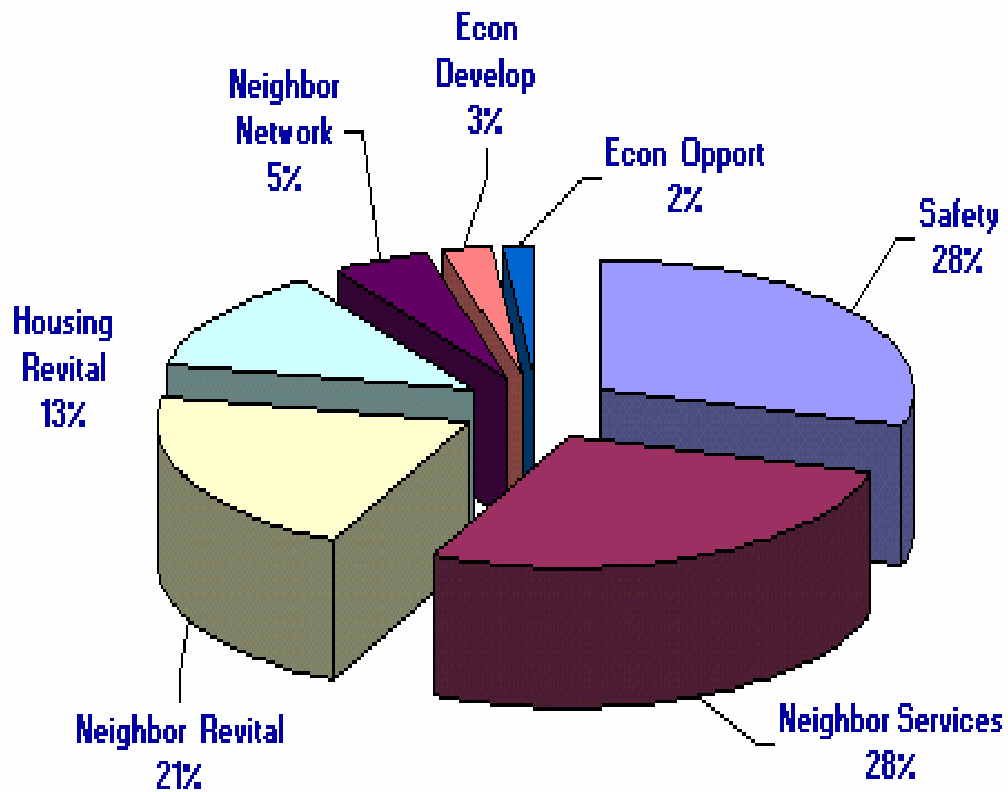


### Vision Items from Different Neighborhoods

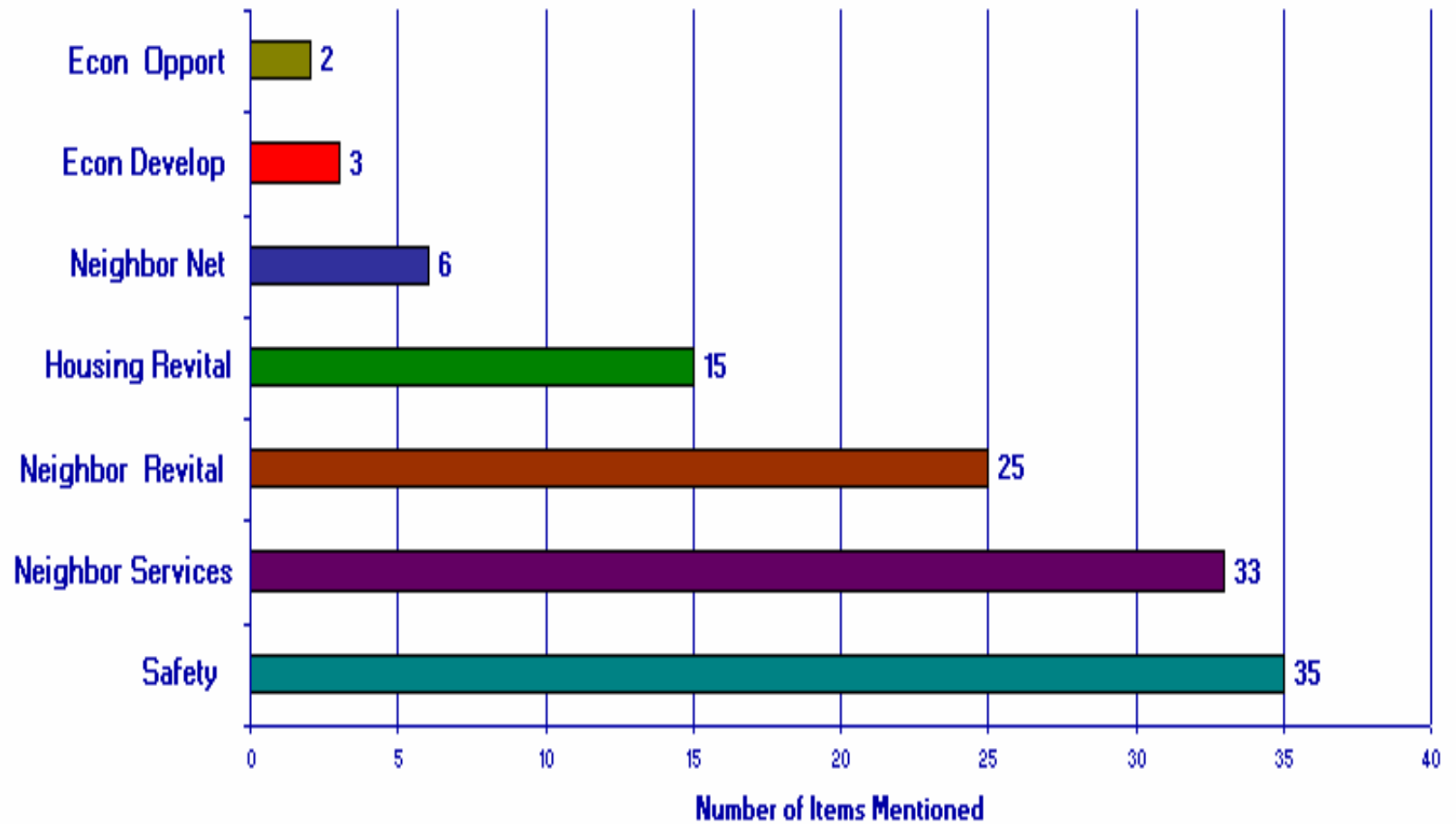


# Neighborhood Issues

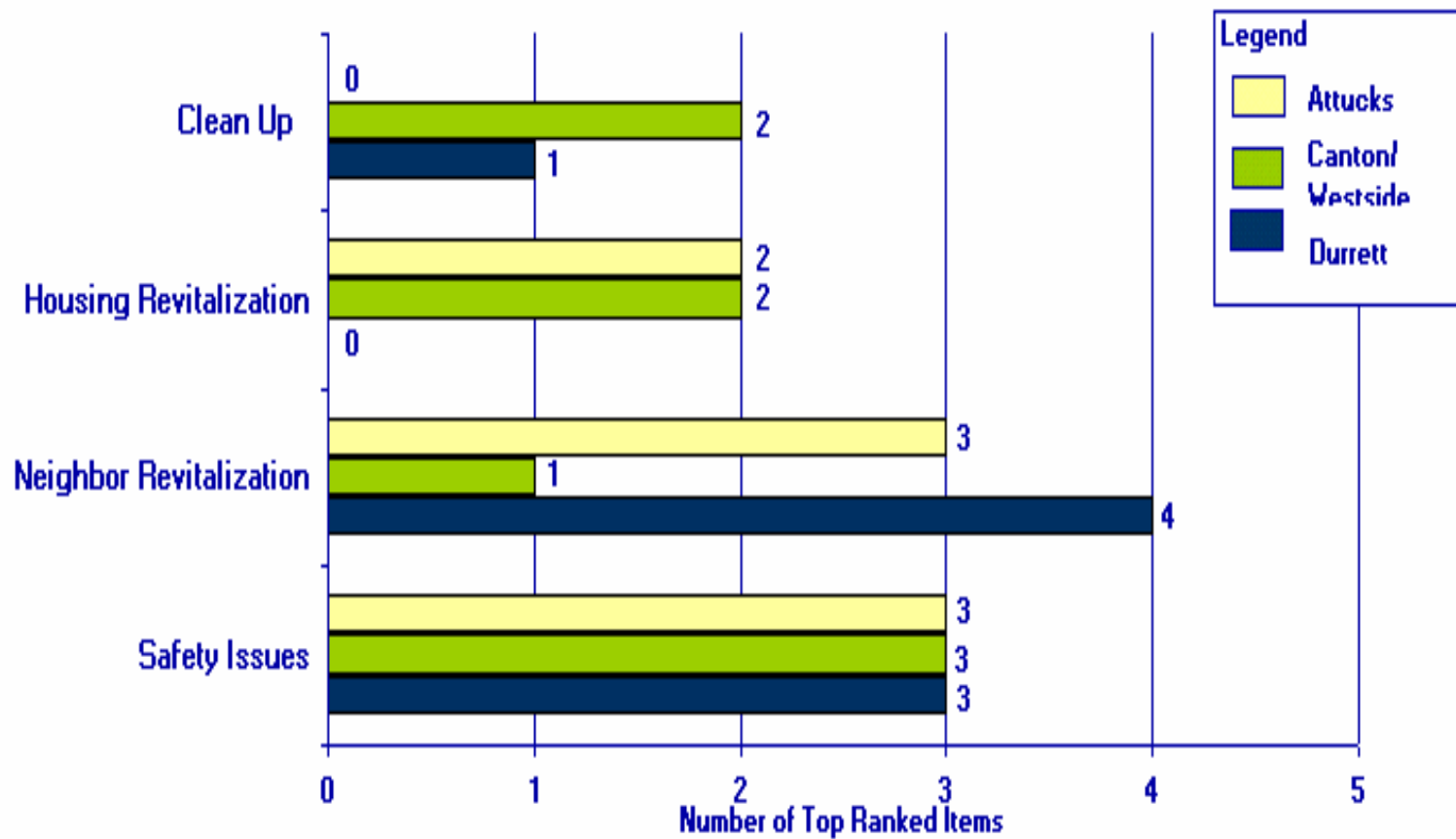
## All Issues from All Neighborhoods



### All Issues for All Neighborhoods



### Number of Top Ranked Items in Categories According to Neighborhood



# Attucks' Top Ranked Issues

- **Neighbor Revitalization**
  - Dilapidated houses
  - Attucks School deterioration
  - Odors from stock yard
  - Better street lighting
- **Clean Up**
  - Trash and litter
- **Safety Issues**
  - Drugs and related criminal activities
  - Speeding automobiles on neighborhood streets
  - Youth gangs

# Canton/Westside's Top Ranked Issues

- **Neighbor Revitalization**
  - Lack of playgrounds and athletic fields for children
- **Housing Revitalization**
  - Presence of 'Slumlords' (neglecting to keep up rental property)
  - Dilapidated housing
- **Clean Up**
  - Landlord accountability for property appearance
  - Trash in yards, untidy yards
- **Safety Issues**
  - Crime
  - Drug use
  - Parking and driving over sidewalks

# Durrett's Top Ranked Issues

## ■ Neighbor Revitalization

- Lack of street lights
- Drainage problems
- Vacant lots not kept up

## ■ Housing Revitalization

- Dilapidated rental properties (slumlords)
- Lack of home ownership

## ■ Safety

- Crime rate
- Drug dealing
- Need more police and public safety

# Next?

- Dennison Associates will describe various possibilities for continuing neighborhood involvement.
- Camiros will describe structural possibilities.
- You will have a chance to discuss the possibilities you have heard about.
- You will have an opportunity to commit to what you are willing to do to help in the revitalization.

# Important Questions to Think About

- What programs and projects do you want most?
- What programs and projects do you not want?
- What are YOU willing to do ?
- What WILL you tell your family and neighbors to expect in the near future?

## **Top Ranked Issues for Attucks**

### **Safety Issues**

- Drugs and related criminal activities
- Speeding automobiles on neighborhood streets
- Youth gangs

### **Clean Up**

- Trash and litter

### **Neighbor Revitalization**

- Dilapidated houses
- Attucks School deterioration
- Odors from stockyard
- Better street lighting

## **Positive Aspects of Attucks**

### **Attractive Place to Live**

- Older homes with character
- Good quiet neighborhood - best in town
- The Jeffers Bends Environmental Park
- First Street
- North fork of the Little River

### **Educational/Cultural**

- Attucks School
- Numerous churches
- Historical neighborhood & buildings
- Christian bookstore
- Bible College

### **Safety**

- Neighborhoods watching out for neighbors

### **Services**

- Many minority-owned businesses
- City water facility in the neighborhood
- Family and senior public housing

### **Social/Good neighbors**

- Many long-time neighborhood residents
- Good people with a desire for change

# Attucks' Vision

## **Better Environment**

- Stockyard leveled; converted to park
- Clean streets -- "beyond belief"
- Better sidewalks, streets, and lighting

## **Better Housing**

- Everybody owns their homes, including affordable housing, with beautification
- Attucks Neighborhood Network buys out slumlords, improves rental housing or converts to home ownership
- The image of the Attucks/Eastside Neighborhood is positive
- Award winning yards and landscaping
- Larger and better homes have been built on vacant lots
- No more dilapidated houses and vacant lots -- new houses build on these sites

## **Better Services Available**

- Attucks School is the hub of community activities
- The historic Attucks High School has been rehabilitated and converted into a community center
- New churches and a Life Center
- Drainage problems eliminated
- Warehouses gone -- 2-story Sr. retirement center built on site

## **Economic Development**

- Attucks/Eastside Chamber of Commerce established and encourages support of neighborhood businesses
- Eastside shopping mall constructed (not Wal-Mart)
- Attucks Neighborhood Network creates a bank or credit union
- Good jobs and created a new neighborhood

- A strong housing market
- Support of businesses and churches - Neighborhood's economy has improved
- Attucks/Eastside neighborhood creates jobs in the neighborhood
- High level of employment in the neighborhood
- Neighborhood landmarks brighten the community and attract tourists

## **More Neighborhood Involvement**

- Attucks has created an ongoing Neighborhood Network, which is active, meets monthly, and prevents the neighborhood from slipping back
- Attucks Neighborhood Network led a voluntary effort to clean up and maintain the historic African-American Cemetery
- Churches involved in community activities

## **More Recreational Opportunities**

- A second aquatic center build in Attucks/Eastside
- Positive places and activities for kids

## **Improved Safety**

- No more gangs, drugs, crime, and prostitution
- Community policing makes a big difference -- officers know everyone and everyone knows the officers
- Jeffers Bends Environmental Park is open 24/7 and safe
- Safe and Quiet Neighborhood
- A train passes through the neighborhood only once a day

## Total List of Attucks' Issues

Rank	Number of Votes	Issues and Problems	Rank	Number of Votes	Issues and Problems
1	12	Trash and litter	17	7	Lack of affordable housing stock
1	12	Dilapidated houses	17	7	Lack of sidewalks
1	12	Attucks School deterioration	21	6	Stray dogs and cats
4	11	Youth gangs	21	6	Lack of playgrounds and public housing projects
5	10	Speeding automobiles on neighborhood streets	21	6	Overgrown historic African-American Cemetery
5	10	Odors from stock yard	21	6	Railroad track in need of repair
5	10	Better street lighting	21	6	Snakes, vacant lots, and weeds at fence rows
5	10	Drugs and related criminal activities +++	26	5	High percentage of rental properties
9	9	Bad rental housing owned by absentee slumlords	26	5	Too many pit bulls
9	9	Loud music	26	5	Lack of tree topping and arboreal services on city and private properties
11	8	Lack of neighborhood beautification	26	5	Lack of youth services and playgrounds
11	8	Lack of economic prosperity -- lack of good jobs	30	4	People walking in the middle of the street, who are aggressive to drivers who try to pass and honk horns
11	8	Lack of daily police patrols	30	4	City-owned alleys and passageways that have been vacated and abandoned
11	8	Weeds and tall grass on vacant lots and some homes	32	2	Streets in need of repair – potholes
11	8	Water drainage	32	2	No swimming facilities
11	8	Snakes on vacant lots	32	2	People moving out of the neighborhood
17	7	Vandalism and graffiti	32	2	Prostitution
17	7	Lack of neighborhood grocery stores	32	2	Mosquitoes in old automobile tires

## Top Ranked Issues for Canton/Westside

### Safety Issues

- Crime
- Drug Use
- Parking and driving over sidewalks

### Neighbor Revitalization

- Lack of playgrounds and athletic fields for children

### Housing Revitalization

- Presence of 'slumlords' (neglecting to keep up property)
- Dilapidated housing

### Clean Up

- Landlord accountability for property appearance
- Trash in yards, untidy yards

## Positive Aspects of Canton/Westside

### Attractive Place to Live

- Residential characteristics (buffers between land use)
- Architecture and style of older homes
- Presence of trees
- % of homes to open space, commercial (current # of homes)
- Church bells

### Services

- Presence of sidewalks

### Convenient

- Convenient location
- Walkability of neighborhoods

### Educational/Cultural

- History of neighborhood
- Churches

### Social/Good neighbors

- Friendly neighbors

## Canton/Westside's Vision

### Better Housing

- Neat yards
- Clearance of dilapidated housing
- Increase homeownership

### Better Services Available

- Trust in services...after school tutoring, activity center...creating community centers in all neighborhoods
- Transportation services
- Increase off street parking
- Safe highways
- Residential areas stay same, no encroachment of commercial

### Economic Development

- Upgrade shopping.... boutiques, restaurants

- Bring In more dining options

### Improved Education Opportunities

- Improve school system

### More Neighborhood Involvement

- Increased Church collaboration-Church community involvement
- Better parenting-provide role models to children
- Increase neighbors involvement
- Create a family friendly community

### Improved Safety

- Improve safety (increase police intervention, decrease drug use)

## Total List of Canton/Westside's Issues

Rank	Number of Votes	Issues and Problems	Rank	Number of Votes	Issues and Problems
1	7	Landlord accountability for property appearance	11	1	Street lighting
2	6	Presence of 'slumlords' (neglecting to keep up property)	11	1	Location of portable basketball nets (ordinance not being enforced)
3	4	Crime	11	1	Animal (pet) control
4	3	Dilapidated housing	11	1	Unattended children
4	3	Trash in yards, untidy yards	11	1	Child abuse
4	3	Drug use	21		Drainage, storm water management
4	3	Lack of playgrounds and athletic fields for children	21		Too much rental, not enough homeownership
4	3	Parking on sidewalks and yards, and driving over sidewalks causing damage	21		Noise
9	2	Loud music	21		Speeding on residential streets
9	2	Lack of renter pride in appearance of home	21		Crowded streets with unsupervised children
11	1	Idle teens (lack of employment and activities)	21		Land use (unresponsive to neighborhood desires)
11	1	Location of the jail	21		Junk cars around the neighborhood
11	1	General maintenance and upkeep of homes	21		Roaming cows (near commercial areas)
11	1	Increased police enforcement	21		Accessible retail to residents (close to home)
11	1	Neighbors unaware of Zoning Changes and Variance Requests	21		Understaffed city services
			21		Vehicles blocking driveways

## Top Ranked Issues for Durrett

### Neighbor Revitalization

- Lack of street lights
- Drainage problems
- Vacant lots not kept up

### Housing Revitalization

- Dilapidated rental properties (slumlords)
- Lack of home ownership

### Safety

- Crime rate
- Drug dealing
- Need more police and public safety

## Positive Aspects of Durrett

### Attractive Place to Live

- Good property upkeep
- Quiet street

### Convenient

- Location (shopping)
- I live there
- Access to interstate
- Where I grew up
- Close to work
- Close to church

### Community Pride

- Community involvement
- Pride to succeed
- Neighborhood pride
- Neighborhood association
- Trying to make a difference

### Educational/Cultural

- History of neighborhood
- Churches
- Most older and middle aged
- Respect privacy

### Housing

- Some good houses
- Lot of homeownership

### Safety

- No roaming pets
- Neighborhood watch
- Not a lot of drugs and high crime

### Services

- Boys and Girls Club
- Good streets
- Good street lights
- Timely sanitation department

### Social/Good neighbors

- Good people
- Family oriented
- Unity of folks
- Enjoy neighbors
- Close communication
- Close to friends

# Durrett's Vision

## **Better Environment**

- New sidewalks
- New/improved street lights
- Streets widened
- Utilities all under ground
- Tear down old car wash
- No flooding

## **Better Housing**

- Affordable houses
- Improve rental houses
- 2 new subdivisions or groups of houses
- Landscaped yards
- People own (or buying) own homes
- All houses have driveways
- New houses

## **Better Services Available**

- Good retirement area
- Attucks School is the hub of community activities
- The historic Attucks High School has been rehabilitated and converted into a community center
- New churches and a Life Center
- Drainage problems eliminated
- Warehouses gone -- 2-story Sr. retirement center built on site

## **Improved Education Opportunities**

- Early childhood centers on each corner
- Educational advances

## **More Neighborhood Involvement**

- Strong neighborhood association

## **More Recreational Opportunities**

- Walking trails
- Recreational area for all ages
- Monthly get-togethers
- New community center in old school
- Performing arts center
- Recreation for youth
- Expanded Boy and Girls' Club
- Soft music for children's playground
- More park benches where people meet neighbors and watch children
- Parks

## **Improved Safety**

- Drug free
- Crime rate declines
- Safe
- Better police
- Quieter neighborhoods
- Watch Program
- No need for locks on houses
- Less driving around

## Total List of Durrett's Issues

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1	25	Drug dealing	11	12	Lack of good housing for young adults
2	22	Dilapidated rental properties (slum lords)	11	12	Streets not wide enough
3	21	Lack of homeownership	12	11	Not good early child education and care
4	20	Lack of street lights	13	10	Truancy
5	19	Need more police and public safety	13	10	Lack of cultural facilities
6	18	Drainage problems	13	10	Animals not on leashes
6	18	Crime rate	13	10	No shopping available in area
6	18	Vacant lots not kept up	13	10	Too many trains
7	16	Lack of job opportunities	14	9	Playgrounds too far away
7	16	Lack of sidewalks	14	9	Lack of church involvement
7	16	Sewage problems	15	8	Speeding cars
7	16	Flooding in area	15	8	Wooded areas
7	16	Garbage dumped on vacant lots	15	8	Businesses are encroaching on residences
8	15	Streets need repaving	15	8	Parked cars
8	15	Owners don't keep up properties	15	8	Some dog breeds need to be banned
8	15	Recycling plant	16	7	Loud music
9	14	Houses with junk outside	16	7	Lack of restrictions or enforcement
9	14	Burned out houses left	16	7	Little lots and shotgun houses
9	14	Lack of access, especially to hospital because of trains	17	6	Property changes hands to avoid upkeep
10	13	Lack of public transportation	17	6	Trees in power lines
10	13	No curbs	18	4	Out dated recreation areas
10	13	Lack of code enforcement	19	3	Latch key kids
10	13	Durrett Avenue school (unused)	19	2	Indecent exposure
10	13	Abandoned vehicles	20	0	Rats

